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THE SEASON, CROPS, HARVEST PROSPECTS.

Halifax, 6th July, 1871.

A considerable number of the leading farmers of the Province have responded to our request for information respecting the present condition of the principal crops in the various counties, and the probable prospects of the Harvest. Their communications are published at length in our present number, and will well reward a careful perusal, their statements being, in most cases, deliberate results of painstaking observation and inquiry in the respective districts by men who know of what they write. Upon the whole, the reports indicate the probability of as abundant a harvest as we have enjoyed for many years. A brief analysis may not be without interest:—

THE HAY CROP—GOOD REPORTS.

Hay is our most valuable crop in Nova Scotia, and upon its scarcity or abundance chiefly depend our meat and dairy produce, and the comfort and success of our

farmers.. J. B. Dickie, Esq., reports from Colchester, "the largest hay-producing county in the Province," that hay is likely to be good; and another correspondent, in the same district (Truro), whose name would have given additional weight to his communication, speaks even more encouragingly; the hay crop, he says, is sufficiently advanced to warrant the fullest assurance of great abundance. From Lower Stewiacke, E. C. Banks, Esq., writes that hay bids fair to be a fair crop; and F. R. Parker, Esq., Shubenacadie, also reports hay to promise well, and that crops generally will be equal to the best of years. In Cumberland there is every appearance of unusually good hay crops. Hiram Black, Esq., reports from Amherst considerably over an average crop on the uplands, whilst the rains and warm weather will secure the same result on the English hay marshes, the benefit resulting from the overflow by the Saxby storm being now apparent. At Wallace, according to Donald Mackay, Esq., the hay crop promises to be heavy; and in Parrs-

borough district, J. D. Dickson, Esq., especially notices the hay fields as much better than at this time last year. Dr. C. C. Hamilton writes from Cornwallis that the hay crop promises well, the recent rains thickening it up very much. From Annapolis County we have also good reports. In the district around Paradise, Avarad Longley, Esq., states that the hay crop promises to be abundant; and in Granville, E. P. Troop, Esq., of Brookdale Farm, says: the hay crop bids fair to be more than average. At Annapolis, Geo. Whitman, Esq., says that grass upon some of the marshes is not as good, but on the uplands much better than last year, and promises a fair yield, both in quality and quantity of hay. In Antigonish County the meadows are described by the Hon. John Mackinnon as splendid, all nature smiling with the unprecedentedly beautiful weather. In Pictou County also, James W. Patton, Esq., Lower Barney's River, describes the hay crop as promising well; and D. Matheson, Esq., Pictou, reports favourably of all crops.